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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF MPAA AND TONGSUN PARK MOU TO CONGRESS

REF: SEOUL 00285

- 1. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE TIMING OF STEPS TO DISSEMINATE THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TONGSUN PARK ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS UNWISE TO POSTPONE MAKING THESE AVAILABLE TO THE TWO CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES.
- 2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ACCEDED TO THE ROKG REQUEST THAT THESE NOT BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS OR MADE PUBLIC, AT LEAST AT THE TIME OF SIGNING, WE HAVE NEVER SUSTAINED THE IDEA THAT EITHER THE MPAA OR MOU COULD BE CONSIDERED "CLASSIFIED". TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE THIS CLAIM OR TO WITHHOLD THE DOCUMENTS FROM THE CONGRESS WOULD BE A SERIOUSLY WRONG APPROACH IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR DEALINGS WITH THE COMMITTEES AND THEIR STAFFS AT THE VERY TIME WHEN WE NEED TO BUILD SOME MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER. I CANNOT STATE THIS STRONGLY ENOUGH.

3. SINCE THE MPAA IS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO SUBMIT IT TO THE CONGRESS

WITHIN 60 DAYS. IF PREFERRED THAT IT BE PROVIDED AT THIS TIME FROM JUSTICE RATHER THAN STATE TO THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES, HOWEVER, WE CERTAINLY DO NOT OBJECT. AS FAR AS STATE IS CONCERNED, WE BELIEVE THAT MOU SHOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED, BUT RECOGNIZE THIS DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME CHARACTER AND THAT JUSTICE MUST DECIDE HOW THIS IS HANDLED.

- 4. WE HAVE INFORMED ETHICS COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL PETER WHITE TODAY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE FINAL TEXT OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND THAT WE MUST CONSULT WITH JUSTICE AND THE EMBASSY. HOWEVER, I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU AND CIVILETTI CONSIDER HOW WE MAY BE RESPONSIVE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH JUSTICE, BY SATURDAY MORNING HERE. FYI, JAWORSKI IS SCHEDULED TO BE ON FACE THE NATION SUNDAY, AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY STONEWALLING ON INFORMATION WHICH WE INEVITABLY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO PROVIDE.
- 5. WE WOULD PROVIDE THE SAME DOCUMENTS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE. IN BOTH CASES WE WOULD CAUTION THAT THESE ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS AT THIS TIME. (HOWEVER, PARA EIGHT OF THE MPAA WAS QUOTED IN FULL IN THE NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 13 AS WELL AS WHAT APPEARS TO BE PART OF PARA NINE, BUT DIFFERS FROM OUR TEXT. STATE WAS NOT THE SOURCE FOR THAT ARTICLE.) CONFIDENTIAL

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6. PLEASE VERIFY ANY TEXTUAL CHANGES IN EITHER MPAA OR MOU. CHRISTOPHER

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